(d) As a policy decision, the scheme of slum relocation was dispensed with during the Sixth Plan. Under the EIUS scheme, the thrust was placed on invironmental improvement of urban slums in-situ. The amenities to be provided under EIUS scheme include drinking water supply, sewarage, paving of pathways, street lighting, community baths and latrines & drainage. The construction of dwelling units does not form a part of the on-going EIUS Scheme. However, HUDCO finances provision of houses and shelter upgradation to slum dwellers/economically weaker sections of society sponsored by Housing Boards, Slum Clearance Boards, improvement Trusts, Urban Local Bodies and similar organisations.

(e) the Government is committed to give priority to the provision of basic needs such as drinking water, housing and sanitation. It seeks to develop slums into liveable shelters and to provide developed house sites to the urban poor.

Notice for payment of Balance Bio Amount by DDA

25. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3327 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1989 and state:

(a) the number of cases in which the DDA had demanded the balance amount of payment of the bid and having issued four or more notices to the bidders and having accepted the full payment in various instalments as per notices issued, denied to give the possession of plots to the bidders;

(b) what are the reasons for which the DDA went on issuing the notices but ultimately refused to give physical possession of the plots; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the officers responsible for creating such a mess?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Delhi Development Authority has reported that there is no such case.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Unloading Baskets of Betel Leaves Despatched from Kerala

26. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about alleged negligence in unloading baskets containing betel leaves at New Delhi Railway Station despatched from Kerala;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last six months and the consignments involved with the amount of claim preferred by consigners;

(c) the amount of compensation paid against each claim;

(d) the action taken against the officials found guilty; and

(e) the steps be taken to avoid recurrence of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One complaint involving 470 consignments has been received. 9 claims have been preferred during October and Nov '89 involving a sum of Rs. 12,027.

(c) Claims are under process.

(d) They are being taken up under Discipline and Appeal Rules.

(e) Divisional Railway Manager, New Delhi, has been directed to ensure proper unloading and handling of such consignments and take preventive measures to avoid loss or damage to them.